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2013 Hurricane Season

Hurricane Season begins June 1 and will end November 30. For the 2013 Hurricane Season, National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration (NOAA) predicted that 11-18 named storms would form in the Atlantic, compared with the usual 12. Of those, seven to 11 storms could become hurricanes, with wind speeds of at least 74 miles per hour. NOAA also indicated that three to six of those storms could become major hurricanes with winds of up to 111 miles per hour.

Please review and, if necessary, update your Hurricane Preparedness Plans. The Maryland Port Administration's Hurricane Preparedness Plan can be found on its website:

http://www.mpa.maryland.gov/_media/client/eBroadcast/HurricanePreparednessPlanforMarineTerminals.pdf

The MPA Hurricane Preparedness Plan provides guidance to the MPA and port users on activities that should be implemented in preparation for a significant weather event. It is essential that the all port users and tenants have their own plans, ones that are appropriate for their businesses.

For vessel owners and/or operators, please note Section II.B.5, Safe Refuge, of the MPA Schedule 20 A. By requesting permission to remain at an MPA terminal through the submission of the ***Commercial Vessel Authorization Checklist/Survey***, the owner/operator of the vessel is acknowledging that it is subject to the MPA Schedule 20 A, Section II.B.5, Safety Refuge, and confirms the terms by which the vessel will be allowed to remain at a MPA terminal.

Any questions, please contact the MPA Safety, Environment, & Risk Management Department at 410.633.1147.